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Omega Announces 2026 Royalty

Tangi Times Report

Beside majestic live oaks quietly dripping with twinkling lights, anticipation swelled inside the Live Oak Ballroom at The Oaks Event Center in Ponchatoula as a crowd awaited the Krewe of Omega's biggest announcement of the year: the revelation of the King and Queen of Omega XL.

Over the krewe's 40 years of revelry and pageantry, the organization has grown from a haphazard assembly of some "bold SLU fraternity guys" into a distinguished and coordinated establishment consisting of a cross-section of Tangipahoa's society, who still know the value of a great time.

Upon arrival, all guests received a voting card with a short list of candidates for King and Queen. After a short tease in the form of an announcement of the faux election results, emcee Ken Ross, who served as King Omega XXXIII, revealed the actual King and Queen – Brandon Phares and Renée Donewar.

The elegant event marked a continuation of the Krewe's rich tradition of celebrating its royalty and ushering in the spirit of the upcoming Mardi Gras season.

King Brandon Phares, a proud resident of Tangipahoa Parish,

Photo by Phillip Colwart

brings a powerful combination of military service, business acumen, and community dedication to the Krewe of Omega throne. Rooted in a family with deep local ties, he is the son of Bobby and Renée Robbins-Phares of Amite, and the brother of Robin Phares, Blake Alley, and Amber Alley-Costanza. Brandon is a lifelong advocate for service and leadership, both in uniform and in the community.

Following his honorable service in the U.S. Marine Corps, Brandon attended Southeastern Louisiana University, where he became a Lifetime Alumni. It was at SLU that he pledged Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, forging lifelong bonds and committing himself to the principles of leadership, scholarship, and service that continue to shape his personal and professional life. He then later earned a degree in Entrepreneurship & Small Business Management.

After a successful career in the hospitality industry, he joined the family business. He started as the Operations Manager of

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Lunchbox Lowdown

What gets eaten and what comes home squished

By STEFANIE BROOKE
Tangi Times
Community Journalist

If you've ever found a sad, untouched banana at the bottom of your child's backpack — days after you packed it — you're not alone. Packing school lunches is one of those daily parenting chores that sounds simple in theory: feed the kid, send them off, done. But in reality, it's a delicate dance of what stays fresh, what actually gets eaten, and what gives them enough fuel to survive that long stretch from lunchtime to the final bell.

What works best often depends on your kid's age — and their pickiness level. Little ones in pre-K and early elementary tend to love bite-sized, easy-to-open snacks they can eat quickly before running off to chat with friends. Think sliced grapes, cheese cubes, or half a sandwich cut into fun shapes. Avoid anything that leaks, drips, or needs adult help to open — yogurt tubes, fruit cups with tricky

foil lids, or anything requiring a spoon they'll probably forget.

Older kids — say, third grade through middle school — get a little bolder, but they're still prone to tossing half their lunch if it's not appealing. Wraps, sliced fruit with a squeeze of lemon to prevent browning, trail mix, and simple pasta salads hold up well and stay tasty by noon. Avoid sandwiches with soggy bread (tomatoes are usually the culprit) and delicate chips that crumble into sad dust.

High schoolers are trickier. They're more likely to skip lunch entirely if it's not portable or cool-looking enough. Think hearty wraps, protein-rich snack boxes, cut veggies with dip in a leakproof cup, or even leftovers that hold up cold, like pizza or quesadillas. Bonus points if they can eat it one-handed while scrolling their phone.

Avoiding the dreaded end-of-day lunchbox dump is all about variety and easy-to-eat foods. A little protein goes a long way toward avoiding that post-lunch energy crash — cheese sticks, nuts, boiled eggs, or hummus & crackers can help keep brains switched on through math class.

Another trick: let your kid help pack their meal. A little ownership makes it more likely they'll actually eat it. Or swap with another parent for fresh ideas — because sometimes what your kid rejects might be another kid's favorite snack, and vice versa.

At the end of the day, some apples will still come home bruised, and some granola bars will melt in the bottom of the backpack. But if they're fed, learning, and come home with only a few suspicious crumbs, you're doing just fine.

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Back in My Day

By Burl "Two-Toes" Jenkins

Back in my day, we didn't have no fancy meal plans or personal trainers hollerin' at us through our earphones while we pretended to jog in place at the air-conditioned gym. No sir, our diet plan was simple: eat what you had, and pray your cousin didn't beat you to the last biscuit.

You want to talk about portion control? Try fightin' your six older brothers for the biggest pork chop at Sunday supper. If you were slow with that fork, you'd be stuck with the neck bone and half a spoonful of gravy. That'll keep your waistline trim, guaranteed.

As for exercise, we didn't need neon spandex and protein powder. We had chores. Ever haul a fifty-pound feed sack across the barn in August? That's cardio, strength training, and a hot yoga session all in one.

We didn't count steps — we counted blisters. And if you were lucky, you got to walk uphill both ways to school, barefoot, through three feet of snow in south Louisiana — or so we claimed, anyway.

We didn't drink no kale smoothies, neither. A healthy beverage was whatever was cold and didn't taste like dishwater. Sweet tea if you were flush, well water if you weren't, and the occasional RC Cola if your uncle came to visit and felt generous.

Nowadays they got folks eatin' salads in jars and paying strangers to holler motivational quotes at 'em while they pedal a stationary bike to nowhere. Meanwhile, my Aunt Lurleen lived to 97 on biscuits, bacon grease, and gossip. Didn't run a mile in her life — but she could run her mouth clear across the parish line.

So if you ask me, maybe we didn't have six-pack abs back then, but we also didn't pay nobody $200 a month to tell us to pick up a rock and set it back down again. We got our steps in the honest way — through good old-fashioned survival. And we were too tuckered out to brag about it on the internet when we were done.

So eat your greens if you must, lift your dumbbells if you like, but don't forget: back in my day, the only six-pack we worried about was chillin' in the icebox for Saturday night.

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Excuse yourself, go to the bathroom. You don't have to go back to the table. If you have no choice, say that you're sick and called your dad and he's coming to get you, or set an alarm while you're in the bathroom that sounds like a call and fake an emergency and you have to leave. Once safe, block their number.

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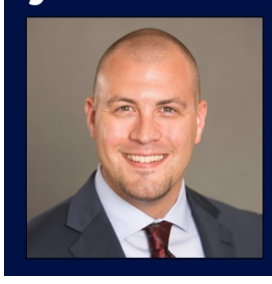

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Happy Trails
to our talented Assistant Chief Editor, Ryley Perez

Ryley is moving on to pursue a career in financial management. We wish him the best ride, but we surely will miss him.

Until we meet again…

Coronation

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KREWE OF OMEGA XL ROYAL COURT

Sherman's Glass, Inc. in 2016. In this role, he led front-office operations, handled financial and HR responsibilities, and managed the company's digital outreach. His strategic mindset and leadership continue to modernize and grow the 48-year-old business.

King Brandon is widely known for his deep commitment to civic engagement. He serves as President of the Board of Directors for the Ponchatoula Chamber of Commerce, where he helps foster business development and organize local networking initiatives. His dedication to service extends even further; he is an active member of the Ponchatoula Rotary Club, upholding its mission of "Service Above Self."

Brandon also proudly serves as 2nd Vice Commander of the Ponchatoula American Legion, where he works to support veterans, coordinate community events, and uphold the values of patriotism and civic duty. Through his work with these organizations, he plays a vital role in improving the lives of residents across Tangipahoa Parish.

Whether he's mentoring young professionals, volunteering for community events, or enhancing local business opportunities, Brandon is a steadfast leader grounded in service. A devoted husband and aspiring father, he views his family as his greatest inspiration.

Reigning alongside his queen, King Brandon looks forward to representing the Krewe of Omega with honor, tradition, and a heart full of Southern pride throughout the Mardi Gras season. When asked for a reaction to his selection as a duumvir to the quadragenarian krewe, the King replied, "I'm just honored (and slightly shocked) to be part of it! Honestly, being a Mardi Gras king has been a childhood dream – floats, crowns, doubloons with my face on them... what's not to love?"

Flanking King Brandon is Queen Renée Donewar — a woman whose roots run deep in both tradition and community. The daughter of Queen Omega II Mary Ann Rusciano, Renée's coronation continues a cherished family legacy, one that has helped shape the very heart of our Krewe since its founding. Queen Renée is the mother of two daughters, Amber Donewar and Krewe Member Nicole Donewar Trentacosta, and son by choice, Will Buras.

A charter member of the Krewe of Omega, Queen Renée has dedicated herself to enriching the life of her hometown. She taught dancing for 25 years with studios in Hammond, Ponchatoula, Springfield, and Amite.

Teaching over 1000 students in her career, she was also dancing teacher to pop star Britney Spears and actress Jamie Lynn Spears. One of the highlights of her dancing career was competing on the television show Dance Fever in 1981.

For seventeen years, Queen Renée continued the family legacy as she ran the Brown Door bar in Hammond. Her love for community is evident in her devoted service to the Sicilian Festival, where her energy and service bring people together in celebration of heritage and unity.

Those who know Renée know that she does not pass up a dance floor or a card table or the opportunity to laugh and have a good time with the people she calls family and friends. And when the Carnival season arrives, her spirit shines brightest. Mardi Gras holds a special place in her heart, and this year's queen's regal grace reminds us why we gather year after year to honor this vibrant tradition.

In a touching and unprecedented ceremony in Friday evening's Coronation, Queen Renée was crowned by her mother, Queen Omega II Mary Ann Rusciano.

The reign of King Brandon and Queen Renée will culminate with two major events in 2026: the Krewe of Omega Royal Ball on January 24, and the Krewe of Omega Parade, which will roll through the vibrant streets of Hammond, Louisiana, on February 6. Both events are expected to draw large crowds, and the Krewe of Omega promises an unforgettable Mardi Gras experience filled with joy, tradition, and community spirit.

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TANGI GUMBO

A little bit of everything you need to know

Southeastern Louisiana University's Center for Southeast Louisiana Studies and College of Education, along with the America 250 Commission, will sponsor a Teacher's Training Symposium designed to reveal Louisiana's curious connection to the American Revolution and the creation of the American government. Scheduled Friday Sept. 19, the program will run from 8:30am to 12:30pm at the Teacher's Education Center "Kiva," located on the main campus in Hammond.

Participants will learn anecdotes and techniques designed to make teaching the material fun for students and educators alike, including guidance for theatrical and film projects, as well as learning less revealed aspects of history, certain to both entertain and educate. Participation is limited to the first 150 fourth through 12th grade teachers who register. Participants will receive a $75 honorarium, and coffee and snacks will be provided during a mid-session break.

For more information, contact the Center for Southeast Louisiana Studies at selahistory@southeastern.edu or call 985-549-2151 during operating hours.

The U.S. National Weather Service New Orleans reports that NOAA's latest update for the 2025 Atlantic Hurricane Season continues to call for "above normal" activity, though the projected numbers have been adjusted slightly downward from earlier forecasts. Forecasters say conditions in the Atlantic Basin remain favorable for storm development, with warmer-than-average sea surface temperatures and other atmospheric factors still in place to support tropical systems.

While the seasonal outlook offers an overall picture, meteorologists stress that even a single hurricane making landfall can cause significant and lasting impacts to a community. Residents across southeast Louisiana are urged to take the remainder of the season seriously by reviewing their hurricane plans, securing important documents, and stocking essential supplies such as food, water, medications, and backup power sources. Preparedness now, officials emphasize, is key to weathering whatever the season may bring.

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Designed for fourth through 12th grade educators, the program will share engaging anecdotes, classroom techniques, and creative project ideas—ranging from theater to film—aimed at making history lessons both entertaining and educational. Registration is limited to the first 150 teachers, each of whom will receive a $75 honorarium, with coffee and snacks provided. Registration is available online at this link, and more information is available by emailing selahistory@southeastern.edu or calling 985-549-2151.

The Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office is investigating a series of vehicle burglaries that occurred between Aug. 4 and Aug. 7 in the Meadow Crossing subdivision and near Ball Park Road in Walker, leading to the arrest of two male juveniles, ages 12 and 14. Detectives say search warrants at the suspects' homes uncovered a firearm and property belonging to multiple victims. Both juveniles were booked into the Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center on 10 counts of vehicle burglary and one count of possession of a firearm by a juvenile, with additional charges possible. Authorities believe more victims may be unidentified and are urging residents to contact LPSO at 225-686-2241 ext. 1 or submit tips through the LPSO app. Walker Police Department assisted in the investigation.

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) has arrested a man from the Kentwood area accused of driving recklessly to chase after a woman and her child.

Johnathan Newman, 40, has been booked on one count each of Stalking, Reckless Operation of a Vehicle, and Obstructing Highways of Commerce.

Earlier this week, a woman reported driving along Highway 38 in the Kentwood area when she came across a vehicle parked across both lanes of the road. When she stopped, she reported that a man exited the vehicle and began walking toward her. When she backed up and turned around to drive back the way she came, he got into his vehicle and began chasing her. The woman reported the pursuit pushed her to speeds in excess of 100 mph to try to avoid the man crashing into her. The victim was eventually able to escape the pursuit and contacted TPSO.

Through the investigation, Newman, who has no association with the victim, was identified as the suspect. He was taken into custody the next day.

This investigation is ongoing as deputies look into other similar claims in the area. If you have a recent experience like this in the Kentwood area, contact TPSO's Criminal Investigations Division at 985-345-6150.

North Oaks Internal Medicine Residents Swetha Narla, DO, and Matthew Spano, DO, have received the prestigious Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award and induction into the Gold Humanism Honor Society through the Louisiana campus of the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, their alma mater.

Drs. Narla and Spano were nominated to receive this prestigious award by the third-year VCOM-Louisiana medical students they are teaching during clinical rotations at North Oaks Medical Center. The award recognizes medical professionals—including students, residents and faculty—who exemplify the human connection in healthcare through qualities such as compassion, respect and care.

Named after Arnold P. Gold, a pediatric neurologist and professor at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, New York, the award honors his legacy of promoting humanism in healthcare—essential for the well-being of patients

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NOTICE
DEADLINE: AUGUST 20 , 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: Assistant Principal (9.75 Months)

SALARY: $55,212 - $79,372
Based on degree and verified years of relevant experience

LOCATION: Independence Leadership Academy
Independence, LA

CRITERIA: Must have on or before the advertised deadline, a valid Louisiana teaching certificate with one or more of the following credentials:
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- Educational Leader Eligibility letter issued from the Louisiana Department of Education; OR
- Out of State Principal certificate, Level 1 (OSP1) or Level 2 (OSP2); OR
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SALARY: $55,212 - $79,372
Based on degree and verified years of relevant experience

LOCATION: Lucille Nesom Memorial
Tickfaw, LA

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DEADLINE: AUGUST 13, 2025

The Tangipahoa Parish School System (TPSS) is now accepting applications for the following:

POSITION: SCHOOL SECRETARY (9 months)

SALARY: $21,757 - $30,431 (Based on verified years of relevant experience, degree and level of certification)

LOCATION: Sumner Middle School
Kentwood, LA

CRITERIA: Must have one of the following requirements:
- High School Diploma, Equivalency Certificate and at least two (2) years of experience in accounting or bookkeeping.
- Successful completion of coursework leading to an Associate's Degree in Office Administration, or successfully completed coursework at a State Approved Vocational School or State Approve Business School.
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NEW BUSINESS:

a. The proclamation to call a special election due to the recent resignation of Aldermen Luke Suarez was read by Town Clerk Julie Peterson. A motion was made by Eric Costa, seconded by Mike Muscarello to adopt the proclamation. Voting to adopt was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Joe Galofaro, Eric Costa, Mike Muscarello, Gaye Guzzardo
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
Motion to adopt proclamation to call a special election passed unanimously.

b. Town Attorney Nicky Muscarello presented the resolution to accept the donation of the American Legion Building located at 408 West 7th Street. A motion was made by Larry Cardaronella, seconded by Eric Costa to approve the resolution. Voting to approve was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Joe Galofaro, Eric Costa, Mike Muscarello, Gaye Guzzardo
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
Motion to approve resolution accepting the donation of the American Legion Building located at 408 West 7th Street was passed unanimously.

c. A motion was made by Eric Costa to introduce Ordinance #2025-1128. This ordinance will change the start time of the Regular Meeting from 6:30pm to 5:30pm. A public hearing will be held at the Regular Meeting held on August 12, 2025 at which time voting to adopt will take place.

d. A motion was made by Larry Cardaronella to introduce Ordinance #2025-1129. The purpose of this ordinance is to limit the amount of fill dirt allowed to be added to a lot during new construction of residential or multi-family construction.

REMARKS:
Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Cardaronella: Congratulated Independence High School for their students test scores. He thanked the principal for his work at the school.
Mike Muscarello: None
Gaye Guzzardo: Thanked the board for welcoming her and she was looking forward to working with everyone.
Eric Costa: None
Joe Galofaro: None
Mayor Paine: None
Police: None
Fire: Absent

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Jim Paine, Mayor
Julie Peterson, Town Clerk

Cost of notice:$ 45.15

SOUTH TANGIPAHOA PARISH PORT COMMISSION 163 WEST HICKORY STREET PONCHATOULA, LA 70454 (504) 386-9309

NOTICE

THE SOUTH TANGIPAHOA PARISH PORT COMMISSION WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025 9:00AM PONCHATOULA CITY HALL ANNEX BUILDING 110 WEST HICKORY STREET PONCHATOULA, LA

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Publish: July 28, August 4, 11 ,13.
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Consolidated Gravity Drainage District #1
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AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025

4:30 P.M.
Personnel Committee Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Discussion of Personnel Matter
4. Adjourn

4:45 P.M.
Finance Committee Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Discussion of July Expenditures
4. Adjourn

5:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Please silence all cell phones
3. Roll Call
4. Prayer
5. Pledge of Allegiance (All Veterans and active military, please render the proper salute)
6. Visitors
7. Public Comment
8. Adoption of Minutes of Regular Meeting dated July 30, 2025
9. Acceptance of Finance Committee Report
10. Project Updates – Spangler Engineering
11. Award CPA Professional Services Agreement for 2026, 2027, 2028
12. Award Professional Audit Services Agreement for Fiscal Years 2025, 2026, 2027
13. Administrator's Report
14. Personnel
15. Legal Matters
16. Commissioners' Privileges
17. Adjourn

For: Joey Mayeaux
President
By: Stanan Capdeboscq
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Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Esmeral+da Mendez Fortier, registered agent of Quiroz LLC,

Please contact Samantha Brumfield, Attorney at Law, at 102 N. Myrtle Street, Amite, LA 70422, (985) 747-1088 samantha@edwardsandstevens.com

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Town of Independence
Regular Meeting
July 08, 2025
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER.
Roll call was read by Town Clerk, Julie Peterson.
Present was Larry Cardaronella, Joe Galofaro, Eric Costa, Mike Muscarello, Gaye Guzzardo. Quorum was present.
Prayer was led by Larry Cardaronella.
Pledge was led by Chief Frank Edwards.
Public Input: None.
A motion was made by Eric Costa, seconded by Joe Galofaro to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2025 Regular Meeting. Voting to approve was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Joe Galofaro, Eric Costa, Mike Muscarello, Gaye Guzzardo.
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
Motion to approve minutes from June 10, 2025 Regular Meeting was passed unanimously.
A Motion was made by Eric Costa, seconded by Joe Galofaro to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2025 Special Meeting. Voting to approve was as follows:
YEAS: Larry Cardaronella, Joe Galofaro, Eric Costa, Mike Muscarello, Gaye Guzzardo.
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None
Motion to approve minutes from June 17, 2025 Special Meeting was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:
Mr. Aaron Jackson was present to be re-appointed to the Independence Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Town Attorney Nicky Muscarello swore Mr. Jackson in for his 2nd term which would expire in 2030.

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SLITHERY THINGS

So misunderstood!

By Kevin Hood
Louisiana Snake ID

It's a Boy and a Girl and a Boy and Some Girls!

We all know August is hot and humid down here. It's also the time of year when lots of baby snakes are being born.

Yes, you read that right; many snakes are born, not hatched. People often believe that all snakes lay eggs, but you may be surprised to learn that quite a few species give birth to live young.

On two different occasions during the snake relocation process, I've had momma copperheads give birth to babies inside the temporary container. I put one snake in there, and when we checked it later, there was way more than one!

Did you think copperheads laid eggs? If not, you're in the minority, and I hope you learned that from my page, Louisiana Snake ID.

Our summer shows have ended, and now is the time we start getting lots of relocation calls for snakes, especially babies. Finding a baby or juvenile snake doesn't mean the momma is close by because snakes are independent from birth.

Speaking of live birth, you might be surprised to know that the only venomous species of snakes in Louisiana (and even the entire U.S.) that lay eggs are coral snakes. All our pit vipers (cottonmouths, copperheads, and rattlesnakes) give birth to live young, just as those mommas did in my containers. The first one had 11 babies, and the second had 13, but copperheads typically have an average of 7 babies with the max being up to 20; so it's not just a boy or a girl, it's a whole clutch.

When it comes to baby venomous snakes, we see an example of how nature often gives us warning signs of animals to avoid. Baby copperheads, cottonmouths, and pygmy rattlesnakes have bright green/ yellow tips on the end of their tails that they use as a lure to trick prey into coming close enough to strike.

Lucky for us, this bright tip of the tail can be used as a cue to stay away. Remember though, baby venomous snakes aren't more dangerous than adults. They can control their venom output from birth, just like an adult, and have way less venom than an adult.

If you do happen to uncover some snake eggs in your yard, what should you do?

Well, first off, don't freak out because if you're in Tangipahoa Parish it's going to be a harmless/ nonvenomous species. You won't find any coral snakes around here.

The most common species to lay eggs are rat snakes, kingsnakes, and racers, so leave those eggs alone, and soon you'll have little rodent hunters protecting your yard from disease-spreading mice and rats, along with the disease spreading fleas, mites, and ticks on them.

Snakes spend their lives protecting us from harm. Let's flip the narrative and let them keep working for us.

If you ever have a snake that needs to be identified or any question on the issue, please visit our website www.louisianasnakeid.com to contact us.

Horoscopes

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2nd week of August

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Try to get the whole picture before you proceed, Aries; otherwise, you may be moving along blindly and that can make matters worse. Patience is a valuable asset right now.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, sometimes a major conflict ends when one party walks away and finds something better to occupy them. Identify the source of your frustration and then decide if it's worth it to proceed.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
You can seemingly energize the people around you, Gemini. They will flock to you for inspiration this week, and you can make all sorts of connections this way.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, this week you may be able to see beyond the coincidences that keep cropping up and straight to the true meaning of things. Pay attention to your instincts right now.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, if you are called upon to tell a story or get people to see their common interests, your flair for drama should come in handy. Others will have so much fun being around you.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
You and someone you work with are butting heads this week, Virgo. You want them to act in a certain manner, and it could be frustrating to you if they fall short of expectations.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
A new opportunity pops into your life, Libra. You may rethink your current surroundings, whether at work or at home. This could be an exciting time for you.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Carve out some time for creativity, as it is what you are all about right now, Scorpio. Give in to the impulse to knit, paper craft or get involved in the theater. Stimulate your brain.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
The right answer to the questions you have been seeking should appear exactly when you need the message, Sagittarius. You'll have to be a little more patient for the time being.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you have questions about how you can best help the people around you, and that is by being honest with yourself and your actions. Keep everyone in the loop.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
You are ready for a break from your responsibilities, Aquarius, but something keeps dragging you back into certain tasks. Figure out a way to wrap up the to-do list, then escape.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, there are a million thoughts competing for space inside your brain. It may be best if you write things out and sort them so you can give everything the attention it deserves.

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TANGI GUMBO

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and medical professionals. His work lives on through the Arnold P. Gold Foundation and its initiatives, including the Gold Humanism Honor Society of which Drs. Narla and Spano are now members. Membership in this honor society reflects a commitment to the same values celebrated by the award.

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) needs the public's help identifying and locating three persons of interest believed to be connected to a series of recent violent crimes including one involving rifles. On Thursday, August 7, TPSO began receiving reports about a vehicle crash at a gas station on Wardline Road in Hammond. Callers reported that, following the crash, three black males ran from the vehicle with what appeared to be "machine guns."

During the subsequent investigation, TPSO detectives learned the vehicle had been stolen from the Independence area a year ago. Upon review of the gas station's surveillance video, it was discovered one of the individuals actually left one of the weapons, an AR pistol, in the store's outdoor Reddy Ice Machines. An inventory of the vehicle found drugs and firearm accessories.

As this investigation has continued, detectives have determined some or all of these individuals may also be involved in a shots-fired incident from last month in the Independence area.

Sheriff Gerald Sticker encourages anyone with information who these individuals are, and/or their whereabouts, to contact the Criminal Investigations Office at 985-402-2088. If you'd prefer to share information anonymously, you can do so through Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa's tip line at 1-800-554-5245 or visit www.tangicrimestoppers.com and click on the P3 Tips icon or Submit A Tip!

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force has arrested a Ponchatoula man in its latest operation. Aaron Jiles, 32, has been booked on 60 counts of Pornography Involving Juveniles Under the Age of 13.

Last month, the TPSO ICAC Unit started investigating the uploading of Child Sexual Assault Materials (CSAM) on a social media platform. Detectives determined Jiles was the individual publishing the content and obtained a warrant for his arrest. This week, Jiles was taken into custody and, after analysis of his devices, booked on the number of charges listed above.

This activity is part of TPSO's partnership with Attorney General Liz Murrill's Office and their ICAC Task Force which includes a collaboration with numerous local law enforcement agencies. The TPSO would like to thank the Ponchatoula Police Department for assisting with this case.

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Armadillos - Our Awesome Armored Friends

Not too long ago, I was sent a meme showing a mama armadillo nursing 4 babies, stating that females always have a set of identical quadruplets, either all male or all female. With the meme, the sender also asked the question: if they're all identical, does mama lay 4 eggs, or one big one with four babies inside?

I thought they were joking and forwarded the meme to another person, who also informed me they always thought armadillos laid eggs.

Armadillos actually give birth to live young. But the fact that some species do have births of 4 identical little clone babies is pretty fascinating!

Lots of animals lay eggs. My chickens do it every day, but how many other animals give birth to identical quadruplets every time?

That in itself earns what I've dubbed "The Knights" some brownie points.

The only egg-laying mammals we have on our beautiful planet are the duck billed platypus and some species of echidna.

Like with all wildlife, there are those who adore them and those who don't. My objective is always to educate and find harmonious non-lethal solutions, so we can coexist peacefully together with our wild neighbors.

We must be mindful of all the crazy weather we've observed all over the planet the past few months. A lot of animals around the world are behaving strangely and are stressed. They've lost their homes to natural disasters, so we need to remember it's not just us humans that are in a state of panic.

All living beings are feeling the effects; all living beings are exhausted and just trying to survive. Kindness and compassion are what the world needs right now, and we can start by being kind to the wildlife that visits or lives in our backyards.

These little critters are harmless, non-aggressive, and won't charge or bite. They will quickly run away from any human.

Armadillos are cool little animals; covered with their own little armor plates for protection, they remind me of big doodle bugs. They're the only mammals that have an armor-like protective shell, which is made of bone and grows out directly from their vertebrae.

Despite popular belief, only one species of armadillo can curl up into a ball as a defense mechanism. The rest will either run or dig a hole as a means of escaping dangers.

Armadillos are omnivores, but the majority of their diet consists of insects like termites, ants, grubs, beetles, and carrion, as well as some small mammals, roots, and fruit. Having poor eyesight, they make up for it with their excellent sense of smell, which allows them to find yummy grubs and other insects inside of rotting logs, termite mounds, or in the ground.

One of the reasons people may not like having them around is that they dig to find food. Having impressive claws makes them amazing diggers, and let's face it – not everyone will be impressed with their "works of art."

They have incredibly long and skinny tongues, which are covered with a sticky substance which allows them to scoop up as many ants or termites in one lick as possible. Their digging helps aerate and enrich the soil, as well as disperse seeds, making them a valuable part of our beautiful ecosystem, especially since their diets consist of what we consider to be pests.

As always, if you find any injured or orphaned wildlife, contact your closest wildlife rehabber, as they are trained professionals and will know the proper course of action and diet each species will need. Feeding any wildlife an incorrect diet will always be detrimental to their health and recovery.

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Hammond
Jeanie's - It's All Good
Doughlicious Donuts
University Donuts
CVS Hammond
Pull Clip Café
Scott's Pharmacy
Don Chaucer's Pharmacy
Bayou Booksellers
Hammond Express
Miller's Mart
Stuffed
Red White & Brew

Independence
The Man Shack
Hilltop Market & Deli
Minute Man
Convenience
La Potosina

Kentwood
Kentwood Pharmacy
Kentwood City Hall
The Café
Schilling's Pharmacy
Kentwood Co-op
Pizza Shack
B & D Salvage Grocery

Loranger
Gene's Greenhouses
Loranger Supermarket
Family Healthcare
Grace Filled Donuts

Montpelier
Bear Creek Western Store
Miller's Grocery
Natalbany Creek Campground
Bizzy Bee

Pine Grove
Pine Grove Auto Parts

Ponchatoula
Bohning's
Gabriel Building Supply
CVS Ponchatoula
B2 Antiques
Moss & Berry
Ponchatoula Family Pharmacy
Specialty RX Pharmacy

Robert
Robert Supermarket
Robert Pharmacy

Roseland
Sky's Pantry

Springfield
Landry-Poché Farm
Childers Grocery
P'Maw's Bait Shop

Tangipahoa
TG Mini Mart

Tickfaw
Alissa's Beauty Salon

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